



Fellows join in Brooklyn for a Mega Chanukah Event

## **FROM BOCA TO HOLLYWOOD, FROM BROOKLYN TO JACKSONVILLE, FELLOWS HAVE BEEN BUSY SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHANUKAH.**

As we celebrated Chanukah with the Shevet Glaubach Fellows brought Torah learning, music, fun activities, delicious latka making, donut decorating, dreidel competitions, and more to communities across the country. Although we may find ourselves at the darkest time of the year, Fellows continue to share the light

of Torah through connecting with their teens and communities.

In the past weeks Fellows have been busy planning and carrying out programming across the country. From a jam-packed regional Shabbaton in the Southern Region, bringing together more than 30 Shevet Glaubach Fellows, to a mega-event in New York reaching

teens from across Plainview and the Five Towns, to community programming in Boca, Winnipeg and beyond, the Fellows have shown time and again their passion and dedication.

Thank you to the entire Glaubach family for your ongoing vision which makes all of this possible!

### ***A NOTE FROM RIVKIE KAHN, BROOKLYN OUTREACH DIRECTOR, NCSY***



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The Shevet Glaubach Fellowship has truly made a difference in the way Brooklyn NCSY functions. With 1,000+ active tweens, teens, and families, our fellows have built, developed, and run social, experiential, and learning programming that cater directly to the vast audiences that reside within our very special big-little shtetl that we call home. We have unique programming for Middle Schoolers, JSU, NCSY (co-ed and single gender), 4G, 4B, TJJ for Moms/Dads, a Russian-focused Hebrew School, and more!

What's amazing about our fellows, is that they don't just "show up"! They've partnered with our leadership team to develop and grow initiatives and build entire divisions from scratch, based on what our community really needs from NCSY.

One such example is our comprehensive

and dynamic family-oriented Hebrew School initiative, which is dedicated to engaging, educating, and inspiring Russian-speaking families. At its core, this program, which we call the NCSY Juniors Connections Club, aims to serve as a supplemental Bnai Mitzva experience not just for the tweens, but for their entire families. The Connections Club meets bi-weekly and includes interactive lectures, competitions, and learning activities relevant and appropriate for the Bar and Bas Mitzva-aged tween. Not only were our Brooklyn fellows actively involved in getting this program off the ground in the fall of 2021, but they continue to spearhead, organize and run themed programming and holiday learning programs year-round! Many of the participants (including their fathers and grandfathers) in this program are now putting on tefillin on a regular basis, the girls and moms are lighting shabbos candles together, several families ate in their own

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SGF SPOTLIGHT ON

**NORCAL**

**BY: FIRST YEAR FELLOW, BRANDON MELAMED**



All the way across the country in Northern California (given that so many of us currently live in the Tri-state Area), dozens and dozens of high school and middle school students are buzzing to Jewish programming through NCSY. On behalf of all of the NorCal advisors, we're privileged to be involved with such a special group of fun, happy, and determined teens.

It's crazy to think the year is already coming to the halfway mark, but it feels like we just started off with a kickoff event and a leadership shabbaton, bringing in 4 advisors and Marc Fein, mental health advocate and TJJ AP director. He ran Shabbat programming centered around growth for the upcoming year, goal setting and achieving, and overcoming challenges. The next big event was Fall Summit, where the entire West Coast region went to California's mountains for a superhero-themed weekend of fun activities and uplifting spiritual experiences. While the weather was quite cold, the NorCal family bond was much warmer (cheesy, I know, I know). Interspersed during the other times, advisors returned on three separate occasions in October and December for smaller

shabbatons and weekend programming, maintaining that connection with the teens and "showing face". One of the goals is to let the NCSYers know that we're not "just those college students" who come in every so often, but rather we genuinely care about them and want to support them in their spiritual and developmental journeys throughout high school and beyond.

Separately, the chapter is always filled with weekly programming to increase bonding amongst the teens and provide them with fun and diverse activities relating to both Judaism and regular social activities. These include an escape room, Dave and Busters, a Chanukah party, movies, weekly JSU clubs in the schools, Latte and Learns, consistent NCSYer-advisor chavrutahs, and so much more! Many of our students also go on/come from TJJ Action (our NorCal centered TJJ bus), which adds to the culture, and whoever has been on an NCSY Summer program knows the relationships built are unparalleled.

Overall, this is a tremendous opportunity that is incredible to be a part of, and I'm looking forward to the rest of the year! Thank you to NCSY and Shevet Glaubach for making this all happen, and we hope to continue down the line. NorWhat? NorCal!

## **A NOTE FROM RIVKIE KAHN (CON'T)**

sukka this year, and more and more continue to take on more mitzvos by the day....

Additionally, the Brooklyn fellows have been an instrumental powerhouse in helping create and foster a connected and inspired 4G cohort in our community. Our 4G division, which launched in the Fall of 2021, caters to girls who are shomer Torah u'mitzvos. Each week our team leads a low pressure activity with the sole focus of helping the girls explore pure, proper, and relevant hashkafos. Our staff serves as a support network to help them explore and develop an authentic connection with Yiddishkeit from a place of warmth and sincerity and meaning. We currently enjoy girls from a range of Yeshiva and Bais Yaakov high schoolers including: Masores Bais Yaakov, Drav Meir Bais Yaakov, Lev Bais Yaakov, Bais Yaakov Borough Park, Prospect Yeshiva, Nesivos, SKA, Central, Nefesh, ZDR, among others.

A third initiative that the Brooklyn fellows have had significant impact on is the development, advancement and expansion of the Brooklyn Learning Fellowship. We currently have more than 60 chavrusas who learn on a weekly basis. Two very impactful suggestions that the Fellows had this year was to develop learning chaburas based on nothing but proposed topics of interest. We now have 5 additional chaburas that are in development and will be IYH launching in the spring! The second suggestion the fellows had was to pair a yeshiva student with a secular Jewish student from our other divisions, such as the Juniors (middle school) and JSU programs. This method has so far proven extremely successful, empowering our frum teens to take on a mentorship role with another member from our community, while at the same

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# FACES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



**BENJAMIN SADIK**

*ROCHESTER, NY*

Hi! My name is Ben Sadik, I am from Rochester, NY and am currently a senior in Yeshiva University, studying Political Science. I went to Brighton High School, which is a public school, and due to the influence that NCSY had on me, I made the decision to go to Yeshiva Netiv Aryeh for a year and a half. I have been an advisor for Central East NCSY for the past 2 years and this past summer I was an advisor on TJJ ATS2, and I am so excited to be a Shevet Glaubach Fellow so I can continue to help teens explore their Judaism and grow as Jews and as people. Thank you for the opportunity to be a Shevet Glaubach Fellow.



**ELANA SILKIN**

*BOCA RATON, FL*

Hi my name is Elana Silkin, I'm from Boca Raton Florida. I'm so excited to be involved in The Shevet Glaubach Fellowship and all the opportunities NCSY provides. I'm majoring in Jewish Education, and the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship is an amazing opportunity for me to get involved in informal education. I'm looking forward to getting involved in these communities and making long lasting friendships that will help guide teens on the paths of learning more about Judaism.



**ARYEH MARGOLIN**

*EDISON, NJ*

Hi, my name is Aryeh Margolin and I live in Edison, NJ. I am a senior at YU studying accounting. I had the zechus to attend Shaalvim for two years and MTA for high school. I have been on NCSY Kollel and Camp Sports both as a counselor and a camper. NCSY has been a big part of my life and has really made me the person I am today. I am excited to be a Shevet Glaubach Fellow for the third time because it gives me the opportunity to give back what I received from so many selfless and dedicated people. I am also excited to be a part of the fellowship because it affords me the opportunity to learn about being a great leader from some of the greatest leaders in the Jewish community.

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time showing what an authentic frum lifestyle offers. Even though this program was intended to be on Zoom, we have already had public school students and their families share Shabbos and holidays by their mentors homes— True kiruv isn't about the numbers, it's about impact, which is relationship-driven. This Fellowship-driven Learning program is creating natural avenues for this to happen!

There is still much ground to cover in Brooklyn, but it is without a doubt that what we've been able to accomplish here thus far was not possible without the true dedication of our fellows.

With much hakaras hatov, I am looking forward to a continued partnership with the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship.



# MEANINGFUL MANTRAS



**ADIRA KAHN,  
BOCA RATON, FL**

## שויתי ה' לנגדי תמיד

I love this quote because to me it says, no matter where you go or what you do, bring Hashem into the picture. There are 2 aspects that I think about from this quote. 1) Always imagine that Hashem is in front of you and let that guide the choices that you make in all areas of your life, to make a kiddush Hashem and live by the Torah's values. 2) Make Hashem your best friend. Confide in him, talk to Him about all your triumphs, your mistakes, everything. Even when you mess up, don't let that be a reason to pull away from Hashem, rather use it as a stepping stone to get even closer to Him.



**JOSH RAIS,  
CANADA**

## במקום שאין איש השתדל להיות איש

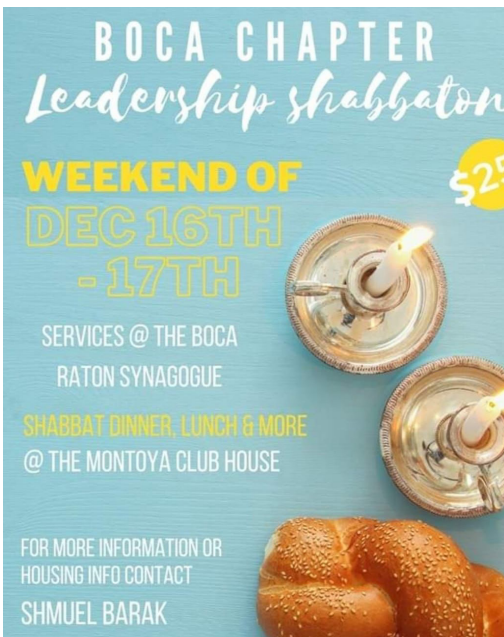
"In a scenario in which there is not someone who is stepping up, be the one who steps up." In this quote we learn the lesson of taking initiative. Many times in life we find ourselves afraid to take on certain responsibilities and we convince ourselves that this is fine since another will take it on. Unfortunately, in this passive lifestyle we pass on so many chances to make a change. I believe NCSY's mission statement is exactly this. Don't let things passively move by. If one has the ability to inspire and make an impact then it is that which they are required to do. This quote is something that is important about me as well as every other fellow and NCSY staff. I appreciate the importance of inspiration and Torah growth in every single Jew and if I can add to that growth then it is something I am required to do.



# HIGHLIGHTS



Hollywood Shabbaton



Boca Raton Fellows getting ready for Shabbos



Jacksonville Channukah Party



SGF Emtza in Jacksonville



Chesed Mission with NY Fellows



# HIGHLIGHTS



Bowling night with Fellows in Boca Raton



Fellows planning and strategizing together



Getting ready for Shabbos in Hollywood



5T trip to American Dream Mall with SGF



Fellows prepping for Jacksonville



Fellows set up for Jacksonville Chanukah Party



Night out bowling with fellows



Boca Raton weeknight learning